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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Adam J. Ferrari et al. Confirmation No.: 4504  
Application No.: 09/961,131 Art Unit: 2169  
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Title: SCALABLE HIERARCHICAL DATA-DRIVEN NAVIGATION  
SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR INFORMATION RETRIEVAL

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**AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.312**

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to issuance of the patent, applicant respectfully requests entry on this amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 for the above-captioned patent application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.